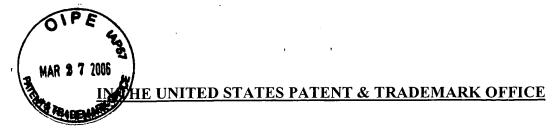
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims - Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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